

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Behavioral Health Advisory Board August 2, 2018



Goal: REDUCE & END HOMELESSNESS in San Diego County

HOUSING FIRST











Coordinated Effective Regional System

Principles: Housing Focused, People Centered, Data Informed and Efficient Use of Resources



Political Will



System Access



Emergency Response



System Exit



Infrastructure

Unified Leadership

Process & Policy alignment

> Common agenda

Shared measures

CES

Coordinated Outreach

Unsheltered and Chronic focus

Diversion

Prevention

Unsheltered Outreach

Diversion Prevention

Housing focused shelter system

> Rapid Rehousing

Housing First

CES Prioritized housing placements

Targeted subpopulation resources

Housing stability supports

HMIS data

Training

Evaluation

Capacity building

Performance measures



HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS

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SERVICES



While all of HHSA's services are available to people who are homeless, there are specific services designed for them:

Outreach

- Behavioral Health Homeless Outreach Workers
- Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams
- Whole Person Wellness
- Homeless Outreach Teams
- Public Health Foot Teams

<u>Treatment</u>

- Mental health and substance use disorder treatment
- Care coordination for families, high utilizers, people with HIV, and youth aging out of foster care
- Independent Living Skills training



HOUSING



While housing is primarily administered by HCDS, resources are also administered through various regions and divisions:

- Rapid Rehousing for families
- Capital funding and permanent supportive housing for people with a serious mental illness and/or a substance use disorder
- Transitional housing for youth aging out of foster care, people in recovery, and for seniors
- Housing for people who have active TB or HIV/AIDS
- Interim housing for high utilizers of multiple systems
- Maternity shelter





David Estrella, Director August 2, 2018





Affordable Housing Needs

- More than half of renters in San Diego County pay more than 30% of income on housing
- Average rent for a two-bedroom unit is over \$1,800
- Point-in-Time Count identified 9,000 homeless persons in San Diego County, fourth highest homeless population in the country and the second in the state
- Over 3,500 affordable housing units lost in the last 20 years



\$25 Million Trust Fund

- June 2017, the Board of Supervisors directed the creation of a \$25m trust fund
- December 2017, Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
 released seeking proposals for development of affordable housing
- March 2018, NOFA closed with 13 proposals submitted totaling requests over \$45m
- August 2018, negotiations to begin with 7 successful bidders
- Fall 2018, recommendations for funding to be presented to the Board





County Owned Excess Property

- March 2017, Board of Supervisors direction to evaluate potentially excess County owned property
- June 2017, 11 properties evaluated, 6 determined appropriate for affordable housing development
- February 13, 2018 Request for Statement of Qualifications released for developments on 2 of the identified properties
- June 26, 2018, Request for Proposals accepted from 5 developers
- Fall 2018, Recommendations for funding to be presented to the Board of Supervisors



No Place Like Home

- July 2016, Governor Brown signed legislation enacting No Place Like Home to provide funding for the development of affordable housing for homeless persons with a serious mental illness
- June 2017, Board of Supervisors authorized the application for technical assistance funds
- June 2018, State of California released the Alternative Process Designation application (due date of August 27, 2018)
- August 2018, Memo to Board of Supervisors regarding intent to apply for Alternative Process Designation
- November 2018, No Place Like Home on ballot for voter approval





Housing Initiatives

\$25 Million Trust Fund

- Construction, rehabilitation and/or acquisition of affordable housing units
- Anticipate the creation of 500-800 units

Excess Property

- 6 properties under consideration for affordable housing
- Proposals for 6th Ave. and Mt.
 Etna under evaluation with potential to create up to 600 units

No Place Like Home

- County eligible to receive \$130m total
- Voter approval in November required
- NonCompetitive
 NOFA expected
 in August 2018



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES HOMELESS AND HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES

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BHS HOMELESS & HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES



BACKGROUND

■ 2004 – AB2034



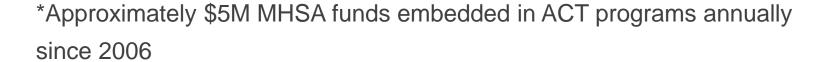
- 2006 MHSA Homeless Services Expansion
 - Corporation for Supportive Housing TA and Consultant contract
 - BHS Housing Plan
 - Additional ACT Teams + array of housing
 - Established Housing Council
 - Collaboration with Housing Entities and Housing Developers

BHS HOMELESS & HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES CONT'D



MHSA HOUSING PROGRAM

- 2008 MHSA Housing Program
 - \$33 M 249 PSH Units
- 2015 MHSA Special Needs Housing Program
 - \$10 M 69 PSH Units in development
- 2018 MHSA Special Needs Housing Program
 - \$10 M 69 PSH Units in development





BHS HOMELESS & HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES CONT'D



MHSA HOUSING PROGRAM

2010 - 2018

2012 - Independent Living Association (ILA) established

- **2016**
 - Project One For All BOS direction and implementation
 - Integration of HCDS in HHSA

BHS HOMELESS & HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES CONT'D



MHSA HOUSING PROGRAM

- **2018**
 - ACT Homeless Services 13 Teams

- POFA Implementation February 2016 to June 2018
 - Outreach visits to date 3,319 contacts
 - Treatment + housing 781 individuals







OUTCOMES TO DATE



- Reduction in homelessness over 1,600 individuals who have been previously homelessness diagnosed with a SMI are in treatment and housed
- Reduction in psychiatric hospitalizations 49.7% from baseline
- Reduction in PERT contacts 27.7% from baseline
- Reduction in incarceration 42.7% reduction of clients in jail
- Reduction in Long Term Care 74%





Questions?